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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

1. Applicant again argues that Kawahara's motor is not in the "head region". This argument is *completely* unpersuasive. The term "head region" is a rather broad term, and Examiner is not permitted to import all of the meaning from Applicant's remarks into the claims. It is suggested that Applicant should further amend the claims with structure sufficient to distinguish his "head region" from Kawahara's "head region".

Applicant argues that there is no motivation to angle the head region of Kawahara (40,50). On the contrary, there is a well known motivation, namely to create a concavity of the side of the razor that faces the user's skin, such that the razor is easily manipulated around protuberances such as the chin.

Applicant argues that Kawahara would be destroyed if one were to "force a motor and flywheel through the end of the handle portion". Examiner does not understand what Applicant is doing. Examiner *never* suggested that the motor or flywheel be moved. Examiner only suggested that the handle be bent at the joint 75 so that it looked more like the angled secondary references.

Altho the claims are currently rejected, this does not mean that allowable subject matter cannot be arrived at. There are significant structural differences between the head and neck portions of Applicant's device, and those of Kawahara, and it is simply a matter of amending the claims to recite those structural differences.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth Peterson whose telephone number is

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(571)272-4512. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on (571)272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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